GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5500
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QUALITY TEST OF FOODGRAINS
Chaure Shri Bapu Hari

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India tests the quality of foodgrains before their procurement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Food Corporation of India procures food grains strictly as per the prescribed specifications of the Government of India. For this purpose, qualified and well trained Technical Assistants are posted in Mandis to exercise quality related checks during procurement of food grains. Besides, Senior Officers viz. AM(QC)/DM/DM(QC)/District/Regional/Zonal Officers and joint teams comprising officers from FCI and the Ministry also visit the Mandis to inspect/oversee the various procurement operations and ascertain the quality of food grains procured.

(c): Does not arise.